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Strike For Union Ship Held Begun

Labor Board Orders Alaska Juniata Company to Stop Coercing Its Employees and End Recognition of Company Union.

By A. F. of L. News Service.
Washington, D. C.—An outstanding illustration of corporate efforts to smash bona fide labor unions by promoting company unionism is contained in the decision of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in the case of the Alaska Juniata Coal Mining Company. The NLRB has ruled that the company's unfair labor practices prohibited by the Labor Relations Act. Specifically, the company had coerced its employees into joining the company union, the Alaska Juniata Coal Mining Company Union, and had discriminated against those who refused to join it.

The case came before the board on complaint of the Alaska Juniata Coal Mining Company, which had been charged with coercion of its employees in the formation of a company union.

Expressed in language, the Alaska Juniata is the largest gold mining enterprise in the United States, with a 1935 net income of \$1,500,000 and had paid \$600,000 in dividends.

The company had been charged with coercion of its employees in the formation of a company union, the Alaska Juniata Coal Mining Company Union, and had discriminated against those who refused to join it.

The board ordered the company to "cease and desist" from its coercive practices and to reinstate the employees who had been discharged for refusing to join the company union.

In reaching the history of the strike the board said that in the spring of 1935 negotiations with the company failed and the strike was called.

The company asserted that at a hearing in June last March before Trial Examiner Charles W. Hope, that the strike was called by the company.

In answer to this contention the board's decision points out that the strike was called by the company.

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EDITORIALS

CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE

Six men have been indicted by a New York City jury for manslaughter in the death of a woman who fell from a building under construction in the Bronx on June 18 when sixteen workers employed on the job were killed.

The prosecution of the men will be watched with interest in many cities where the lives of workers are continually jeopardized by get-rich-quick contractors who have little regard for the safety of their employees and when municipal regulations for safety are either weak or unenforced.

In the New York case the jury indicted the masonry contractor, the architect of the ill-fated building and four employees of the Bronx Building and Building Corporation charged with responsibility of preventing such disasters.

District Attorney Samuel J. Polyz, who instituted the jury proceedings, used strong terms in condemning the construction methods that cost the lives of sixteen building trades workers. After a thorough survey of the collapsed building he said:

"A few days ago I took a piece of the mortar in my hands. It was so soft and sticky that it was impossible to hold it together. It was so soft and sticky that it was impossible to hold it together."

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Patent Office Denies Finch Company Right to Use A. F. of L. Insignia

Assistant Commissioner Frazee Holds Initials "A. F. of L." on Trade-Mark For Alcoholic Beverages Would Cause Confusion and Injure American Federation of Labor.

By A. F. of L. News Service.
Washington, D. C.—A signal victory for the exclusive right of the American Federation of Labor to use the initials "A. F. of L." was recorded in the U. S. Patent Office, denying the application of Joseph S. Finch & Company for the registration of a trade-mark containing these initials. The company claimed the notation stood for the "American's Finest Liquors" used to advertise the company's whiskey, brandy, gin, rum and alcoholic beverages.

The Patent Office's decision was based on the fact that the initials "A. F. of L." were already established in the public mind as the trade-mark of the American Federation of Labor.

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HIGH RENTS INCREASE WORKERS' LIVING COSTS

NEW JERSEY WILL ENFORCE WOMEN'S MINIMUM PAY LAW

By A. F. of L. News Service.
Providence, Rhode Island, in the District of Columbia has taken advantage of the large increase in the number of Federal employees in the Nation's capital during the last few years to boost rents to the highest point found in 50 representative cities in the United States.

The question of high rents in Washington was the subject of Congressional investigation during the last session of Congress and was condemned by members of both Senate and House committees on the District of Columbia.

Representative Henry Ellenbogen of Pittsburgh, Pa., introduced a bill, sponsored by Senator Charles McNary of Oregon, to establish a commission to regulate rents and to enforce the rent control law.

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132 Billion Dollars of National Income Lost Through Unemployment

Jobs Army During Last Six Years Could Have Produced \$4,400 Additional Payroll Power For Every Family. A. F. of L. Business Survey Asserts.

By A. F. of L. News Service.
Washington, D. C.—The national unemployment problem in the American picture to provide employment for millions of Americans during the depression is relatively pictured by the current issue of the Monthly Survey of Business of the American Federation of Labor. The survey shows that the social results of wasted labor power. Carefully compiled, the survey shows that the waste of labor power during the last six years has cost the Nation \$132 billion dollars to the national income. Millions of the unemployed could have produced \$4,400 additional payroll power for every family.

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